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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Processing Requested Examining Group 1742

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: : Box AF

Philip James IONS et al. : Group Art Unit: 1742

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McLean, Virginia January 31, 2006

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the outstanding Official Action mailed October 31, 2005 for the above application. Please amend the application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 8 of this paper.